



WBPL Fourth Grade Book Talk

May 2019

Summer Reading Program begins June 24th - theme: "A Universe of Stories"

Lots of prizes, activities, Space-oriented programs for children, teens and adults

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GOOFY STORIES:

- ***The 13-Story Treehouse series*** Andy Griffith & Terry Denton

Andy and Terry's 13-storey treehouse has got a bowling alley, a see-through swimming pool, a tank full of man-eating sharks, and a marshmallow machine that follows you around and shoots marshmallows into your mouth whenever you're hungry.

- ***The Terrible Two series*** Mac Barnett

Miles Murphy is known for one thing and one thing only: pranking. So when he's forced to move to boring Yawnee Valley he assumes he'll be the best prankster at his new school too. But the school already has a prankster—and he's good. Really good.

GRAPHIC NOVELS:

- ***The Babysitters Club series***, Rana Telgemeier based on the books by Ann Martin

Poor Stacey. She just moved to a new town, is still coming to terms with her diabetes, and is facing baby-sitting problems left and right. Fortunately, Stacey has three new friends — Kristy, Claudia, and Mary Anne. Together they're the BSC.

- ***The Amulet series***, Kazu Kibuishi

This series follows the adventures of Emily, a young girl who discovers a magical amulet in her great-grandfather's house.

- ***El Deafo***, Cece Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers!

ADVENTURE:

- **Explorer Academy series: *The Nebula Secret***, Trudi Trueit

Cruz leaves home to train at the Explorer Academy with the world's leading scientists. No sooner has he arrived at the Academy than he discovers that his family has a mysterious past with the organization that could jeopardize his future.

- ***The Wild Robot series***, Peter Brown

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive.

- ***I Survived series***, Many authors – Lauren Tarshis and others

The I Survived books are perfect for reluctant readers or any young reader who enjoys an action packed, page turning thriller. Each book also contains several pages of nonfiction content, encouraging readers to further explore the historical topic.

REALISTIC:

- ***A Monster Like Me***, Wendy Swore

Being the new kid at school is hard. Being called a monster is even harder. Sophie knows that it's only a matter of time before the other kids, the doctors, and even her mom figure it out.

- ***The Vanderbeekers series***, Karina Yan Glaser

When their reclusive landlord decides not to renew their lease, the family has eleven days to do whatever it takes to stay in their home and convince the landlord just how wonderful they are.

- ***Merci Suarez Changes Gears***, Meg Medina

Merci Suarez has never been like the other kids at her private school because she and her older brother, Roli, don't have a big house or a fancy boat, and they have to do extra community service to make up for their free tuition.

MYSTERY:

- **The Gateway series: The Four-fingered Man**, Cerberus Jones and others

The Gateway is no ordinary hotel. Its guests aren't just visiting from other cities and towns - they're coming from other planets!

- **Saranormal series**, Phoebe Rivers

Sara Collins has an abnormal secret: She is psychic. She's had her abilities for as long as she can remember, but she doesn't like to talk about them. She hopes that if she ignores them, they might go away. Sara wants nothing more than to have a normal life...

CLASSICS:

- **Charlotte's Web**, E.B. White

An unlikely, life-saving friendship between a pig, Wilbur, and his barn companion, Charlotte, the spider.

- **The Penderwicks series**, Jeanne Birdsall

This summer the Penderwick sisters have a surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate call Arundel in Massachusetts. Jeffrey Tifton, son of Arundel's owner, who proves to be the perfect companion for their summertime adventures.

- **Half Magic**, Edward Eager

Jane finds a strange coin, and because she and her siblings are having the most boring summer ever, she idly wishes something exciting would happen. And something *does*: Her wish is granted. Or not quite. Only half of her wish comes true.

ANIMALS:

- **Spirit Animals series**, Brandon Mull and many authors (online game is available from Scholastic)

Four children all undergo the same ritual, watched by cloaked strangers. Four flashes of light erupt, and from them emerge the unmistakable shapes of incredible beasts, Suddenly the paths of these children -- and the world -- have been changed forever.

- **The Nocturnals**, Tracey Hecht

Animals are disappearing without a trace—and it's up to Dawn, Tobin and Bismark to find out why.

- **Saving Winslow**, Sharon Creech

A young boy who befriends an ailing newborn donkey and nurses him back to health.

KIDS WHO LIKE MONEY:

- **Lawn Boy**, Gary Paulsen

"I was 12 years old and broke. Then Grandma gave me an old riding lawnmower. I set out to mow some lawns. Hilarity follows."

- **Lunch Money**, Andrew Clements

Greg Kenton has two obsessions -- making money and his long-standing competition with his annoying neighbor, Maura Shaw. So when Greg discovers that Maura is cutting into his comicbook business with her own minibooks, he's ready to declare war.

FANTASY:

- **A Tale Dark and Grimm**, Adam Gidwitz

Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight other classic Grimm (and Grimm-inspired) fairy tales. As the siblings roam a forest brimming with menacing foes, they learn the true story behind the famous tales, as well as how to take charge of their destinies and create their own happily ever after.

- **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**, Kelly Barnhill

Once a year in the Protectorate there is a Day of Sacrifice. The youngest baby is taken by the Elders and left in the forest to die, thus appeasing the witch who threatens to destroy the village if not obeyed. Unbeknownst to the people, Xan, the witch of the forest, is kind and compassionate. When she discovers the first baby left as a sacrifice, she has no idea why it has been abandoned. She rescues the infants, feeds each one starlight, and delivers the shining infants to parents in the Outside Cities who love and care for them.